

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Amended) An improved roof truss comprising a bottom chord, a top chord and at least two intermediate members creating a triangular shape with one of the top or bottom chords, wherein the improvement comprises:
 - a) a bottom plate disposed beneath and substantially parallel to the bottom chord;
and
 - b) means for attaching the bottom plate to the bottom chord which allows separation of the bottom plate from the bottom chord when the bottom plate is attached to an interior partition wall and the roof truss rises relative to the interior partition wall.
2. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 1 wherein the means for attaching the bottom plate to the roof truss comprises a plurality of connectors.
3. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 2 wherein the connectors are removable.
4. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 2 wherein the connectors are frangible.
5. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 1 wherein the means for attaching the bottom plate to the roof truss comprises one or more connectors slidably attached to the bottom plate and the roof truss.
6. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 2 wherein the connectors are fasteners driven through the bottom plate into the bottom of the bottom chord.
7. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 2 wherein the connectors are gang plates.

8. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 2 wherein the connectors comprise a plurality of wood fasteners and hangers having a plurality of holes, wherein the wood fasteners are driven through the holes in the hangers into the bottom plate, the bottom chord or both.
9. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 8 wherein the hangers are frangible.
10. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 9 wherein the hangers have a perforation disposed in such a way that if the hanger is severed at the perforation, the hanger and fasteners will no longer act to attach the bottom plate to the bottom chord.
11. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 8 wherein the hangers are slidably attached to the bottom plate and the bottom chord.
12. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 11 wherein the holes are vertically slotted holes.
13. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 8 wherein the hangers are H-shaped hangers.
14. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 8 wherein the hangers are U-shaped hangers.
15. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 8 wherein the hangers are wrap-around hangers.
16. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 8 wherein the hangers are metal.
17. (Previously Amended) An improved roof truss, comprising:

- (a) a bottom chord;
- (b) a bottom plate disposed underneath and substantially parallel to the bottom chord;
- (c) means for attaching the bottom plate to the bottom chord; and
- (d) spacers disposed between the bottom plate and the bottom chord which create a thermal gap between the bottom plate and the bottom chord.

18. (Previously Amended) An improved roof truss, comprising:

- (a) a bottom chord;
- (b) a bottom plate disposed underneath and substantially parallel to the bottom chord;
- (c) means for attaching the bottom plate to the bottom chord; and
- (d) spacers disposed between the bottom plate and the bottom chord which create a thermal gap between the bottom plate and the bottom chord;
- (e) a bracket positioned between the bottom plate and the bottom chord, located at the intersection of the bottom plate and an interior partition wall, having a horizontal planar member on the top of the bottom plate attached to vertical planar members on either side of the bottom plate which are attached to horizontal planar members extending away from the bottom plate along the top surface of the interior partition wall, wherein fasteners can be driven through the horizontal planar members extending away from the bottom plate along the top surface of the interior partition wall so as to attach the bottom plate to the interior partition wall.

19. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 18 wherein the bracket is metal.
20. (Currently Amended) The improved roof truss of claim 17 further comprising a strap, located at the intersection of the bottom plate and an interior partition wall, said strap passing between the bottom plate and the bottom chord, wherein said strap ~~may~~**is adapted to** be fastened to the interior partition wall wherein fasteners ~~can be~~**are** driven through the planar member on either side of the bottom plate so as to attach the bottom plate to the interior partition wall.
21. (Original) The improved roof truss of claim 20 wherein the strap is metal.

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Respectfully submitted,

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The amendment document filed on 12/7/06 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - ☐ C. Other _____.
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - ☐ B. Other _____.
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
- ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
 - ☐ C. Other _____.
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☒ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
 - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
 - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 - ☒ E. Other: See Continuation Sheet.
- ☐ 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.

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1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

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Continuation of 4(e) Other: claims 18-19 are not listed; although applicant files a Notice of Appeal, the amendment of 12/7/06 is still treated as an amendment as there is no appeal brief filed. The amendment of 12/7/06 is improper as set forth.